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Recognition

IT would be unreasonable to expect the British Government to make any definite pronouncement at this stage on the question of the admission of Communist China into the United Nations. However the possibility must not be ruled out that Britain has made some decision which depends on Communist China fulfilling certain basic conditions, notably that it intends henceforth to live in peace and harmony with its neighbours and the world at large. This is the first and most important consideration and ample proof of this intention will not be apparent until the Indo-China conflict has been resolved at the negotiation tables of Geneva. Communist China, therefore, has a good opportunity to demonstrate any peaceful intentions immediately and to take up an old and worn catch-cry, the Western world wants deeds not words to convince it. Britain's desire to see Communist China represented in the United Nations springs not merely from the need to increase trade with China (although this is an important consideration). Britain believes that the United Nations will not be fully representative of the peoples of the world until it includes the government of mainland China today. This was undoubtedly behind the guarded reticence of Mr Selwyn Lloyd's week-end statement that "the worse your relations with another Government, the more necessary it is to have normal diplomatic methods of communication with it which follow upon recognition." Sir Winston Churchill also made it abundantly clear that Britain wants to live in peaceful co-existence with the Communist world. And this is essential if world tension is to be reduced.

Talks On How To Keep Red China Out Of UNO

Mr Dulles Returning To Geneva?

Washington, July 6. The question of the return of Mr John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State, or his deputy, Mr Walter Bedell Smith, to Geneva, is under study, a State Department spokesman said here today.

No decision had yet been taken. The spokesman pointed out that the heads of the delegations at the Geneva conference left for home pending the military representatives' report on regrouping the opposing forces in Indo-China, which is due to be made on July 10.

This has given rise to statements in the press that some of the foreign ministers concerned will return to Switzerland on that date.

In the meantime, Far East expert, Mr Alexis Johnson, the United States Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, is leading the American delegation at Geneva. — France-Presse.

Airline Pilot Shoots Boy Intruder

Cleveland, July 6.

The pilot of an airliner today shot and killed a 15-year-old boy who forced his way into the pilot's compartment waving a pistol just before the aircraft was to take off from Cleveland airport for Mexico City.

Senator Knowland told reporters that Mr Dulles refused to say at this stage what the attitude of the United States Government would be if, despite the efforts of the United States, Communist China were admitted to the international organisation.

He said on Saturday that there were ample votes in both the House and Senate to adopt a Foreign Aid Bill amendment to stop United States funds from the United Nations if Communist China became a member.

Senator Knowland issued a statement yesterday urging voters to demand that all candidates in the November Congressional elections take a "forthright stand on the admission of Red China to the United Nations." — United Press and France-Presse.

LEGAL STUDIES

Senator Knowland reported he had asked State Department Counsel, Mr Herman Phleger to make these legal studies:

1) Whether the United States veto could be used to bar Communist China from the U.N. Security Council and whether a two-thirds or simple majority vote would be required in the U.N. Assembly to sent the Communist regime in that body.

2) What procedure would be followed to withdraw from the United Nations if such a decision should be reached—whether it would require repeal or amendment of the United Nations Participation Act passed by Congress or renunciation of the U.N. Treaty.

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S.E.A. SECURITY ZONE

Filipino Envoy Calls For Firm Stand

LEADING NATIONS MUST PARTICIPATE

United Nations, July 6.

The Philippines today urged the establishment of a South-east Asia security zone "beyond which the forces of aggression may not advance with impunity."

Ambassador Felixberto M. Serrano, newly-appointed permanent Philippine representative to the United Nations, said at a news conference that his Government also is firmly committed to:

1. A free and united Korea.

2. Establishment of a collective security system in South and South-east Asia.

3. Collective effort, mainly through the United Nations, to raise living standards and protect fundamental human rights throughout the world.

Mr Serrano emphasised that the leading nations of the area must participate in the South-east Asia collective security system to make it work.

He mentioned, in response to questions, Indonesia and Burma as countries which should belong, but he emphasised that these countries and all other members must be ready to assume their full share of military as well as political responsibility.

SUPPORT THAILAND

The Philippine Ambassador said he would support Thailand's call for a General Assembly session on Indo-China when it is issued. He added that Korea also should be discussed here again.

"At no time since the Second World War," Mr Serrano said in a prepared statement, "has mankind faced a situation more heavily fraught with danger to the security of free nations and free institutions."

"In Asia, a security problem of the first magnitude confronts the free world. The failure of the Korean conference in Geneva points up the grim prospect that Korea may be permanently divided against itself with all the dangerous consequences of such a division."

"In Indo-China, vital link in the defensive chain against further Communist advance in South-east Asia is under heavy pressure from aggressive forces."

The rest of this vast and populous area is the scene of militant and systematic Communist infiltration, and at least one country — Thailand — has

considered the possibility of a

direct attack to be real and pressing enough to bring to the attention of the Security Council.

DEEPLY CONCERNED

"The Philippines is situated near the vortex of the Asian crisis. We are therefore deeply concerned with the measures being undertaken to establish a kind of security zone in South-east Asia beyond which the forces of aggression may not advance with impunity. At the same time, we remain firmly committed to the following goals:

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Commons Vote Against Labour Motion On Information SERVICES TO BE STRENGTHENED

Shaw's Film Producer Dead

New York, July 6. Gabriel Pascal, the Hungarian-born British producer and director who filmed several of George Bernard Shaw's plays, died today in the Roosevelt Hospital here, aged 60.

Pascal became Shaw's exclusive interpreter on the screen in 1928, when he gained the late playwright's consent to film "Pygmalion" in London. In 1941, he produced "Major Barbara" and in 1944 produced and directed "Caesar and Cleopatra."

He went to Hollywood in 1947 and produced "The Devil's Disciple" and in 1951 "Androcles and the Lion."—Reuter.

Benefit Of Doubt For Policeman

Singapore, July 6. A benefit of the doubt earned a Peruviana Chinese M\$10,000 from the Singapore Government Police. Lieutenant Pedro Lopez-Lam who fought in World War II under the command of General Wingate in Burma was acquitted by the Second Criminal District Judge of firing a .38-automatic at a hotel while not in the course of duty.

Lam told the judge he saw three suspicious young Chinese on a landing of the Embassy Hotel on Chinese New Year's night. When one of them pointed a revolver at him, Lam said, he drew out his pistol and fired three shots. All three Chinese escaped.

Lam told the judge no contact with the Singapore Police Force expires at the end of this month and he would get a gratuity of M\$10,000 if there were no conviction against him.

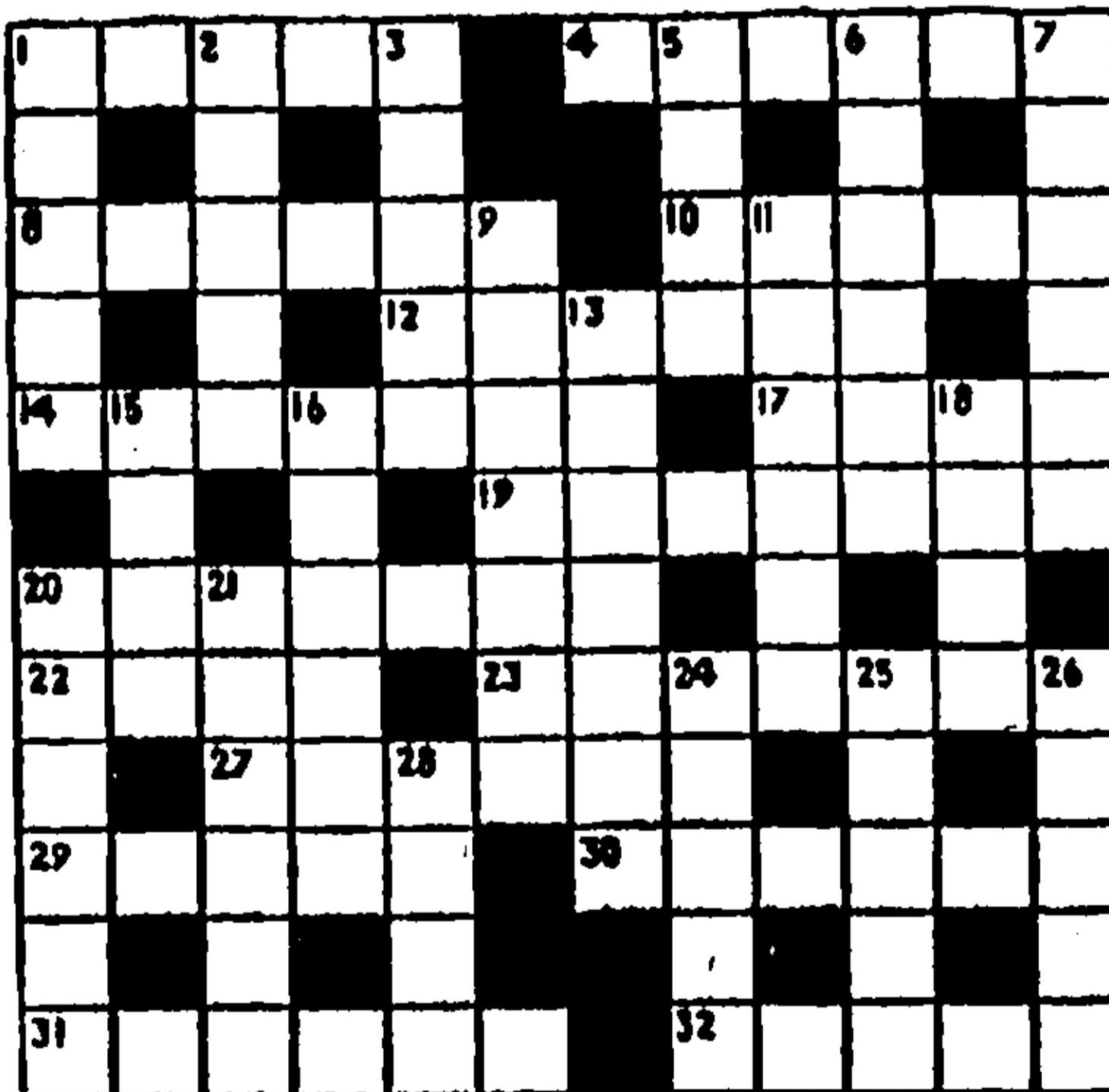
Judge E. H. D. Neoo ruled Lam had given a "reasonable" explanation entitling him to the "benefit of the doubt" and acquitted him.—United Press.

CZECHS HOLD U.S. SOLDIERS

Bonn, July 6. Negotiations to obtain the release of seven American soldiers arrested on the Czechoslovakian side of the border broke down today. The Customs at Weiden (Bavaria) said the Czechoslovak authorities had intended to free the Americans (six soldiers and an officer who crossed the frontier by mistake on Sunday night) in exchange for three Czechoslovakian workmen who recently fled to West Germany. The Germans turned down this proposal.

It is expected that the United States authorities will now seek a solution of the problem through diplomatic channels in Prague.—France-Presse.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Jobs of work (6).
- Flares up (6).
- Vegetable (6).
- Machinery (6).
- Trial (6).
- Afternoon performance (7).
- Observe (4).
- Ghost (7).
- Advise (7).
- Principal man in book (4).
- Annoys (7).
- Sandy (6).
- Snooped (5).
- Commission (6).
- Felt behind (6).
- Savvy (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Corvetto, 8 Lair, 9 Meditate, 11 Dismayed, 13 Meet, 15 Neurotic, 16 Relevant, 19 Plot, 21 Domestic, 26 Coloured, 28 Tilt, 27 Suddenly. Down: 1 Old, 3 Bias, 4 Obed, 5 Void, 6 Trade, 7 Bore, 8 Major, 10 Devil, 13 Ideal, 14 Eman, 16 Token, 17 Ceded, 18 Picay, 20 Grief, 21 Dope, 23 Meal, 25 Trap, 26 Crew.

DOWN

- Tribal emblem (6).
- Support (6).
- Shoot of plant for grafting (5).
- Run easily (4).
- Fanatic (6).
- Sent (6).
- Gift (7).
- Surgical Instrument (6).
- Exhaust (7).
- Medicinal plant (4).
- Disregard (6).
- Accurate (4).
- Place of worship (6).
- Pressing (6).
- Wheel bands of iron or rubber (6).
- Permission (6).
- Carrying-chair (6).
- Lazy (4).

YOUNG INDIAN ACQUITTED

London, July 6. A young unemployed Indian, Adi Behrami Adi, admitted in court here today that he stole two cheap jumpers from a London store as presents for the English wife for whom he had given up his family and his career.

He was discharged absolutely after a probation officer had told the court that Adi, 23-year-old son of a wealthy high-class Bombay family ended his science studies at Cambridge University to marry the girl against his parents' wishes and was now living with her in a one-room tenement.

His parents had cut off his allowance and were almost estranged from him. Adi and his wife had lived happily on his small earnings as a storekeeper, but he lost the job and could not find another.—China Mail Special.



General view showing women praying in the Mosque courtyard in Moscow during the Moslem "Urazu-Hairam" Festival which followed a 30-day fast.—Express Photo.

French & Vietminh Officers Discuss Ceasefire Points

Hanoi, July 6.

French and Communist Vietminh officers conducting truce talks at Trung Gia began discussion today of tricky measures the conclusion of a ceasefire will impose on their armies, reports here said.

The two delegations agreed yesterday on an exchange of sick and wounded prisoners to start on July 14. It was not known how many such prisoners would eventually be exchanged.

Today, the five French officers headed by Colonel

Messages Sent To Adenauer

London, July 7. Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, said today in a message to Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, that West Germany's prosperity and friendship was of the utmost importance to Britain and the free world.

The text of the message the Foreign Office announced was: "I was so glad to receive your telegram of June 30 and to know that the position which Her Majesty's Government and the United States Government have publicly adopted with regard to Germany has earned the approval of the Federal Government.

"The continued stability, prosperity and friendship of Western Germany are of the utmost importance to Great Britain and to the whole free world. Winston Churchill."

Sir Winston Churchill was replying to a message from Dr Adenauer thanking him for his stand on Germany during the recent talks in Washington with President Eisenhower.—Reuter.

AMERICAN NOTES

Bonn, July 7. Mr John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, said in a message to the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, today that he still believed "calm and steadfast will bring us the Europe you long for."

Dr Adenauer had sent a message expressing his Government's gratitude for the references to Western Europe and Germany in the communiqué issued after the recent Eisenhower-Churchill talks in Washington.

Mr Dulles thanked Dr Adenauer and said: "I had hoped these references would meet with your satisfaction."

In a separate message also published here today Mr Walter Dowling, acting United States High Commissioner in Germany, relayed President Eisenhower's "satisfaction" with Dr Adenauer's words of thanks.

Mr Dowling said: "Your understanding and co-operation in the realisation of our common policy aimed at a stronger European integration and security of the West represent an element which is of high importance to President Eisenhower."—Reuter.

INDO-CHINA CONFERENCE

FRANCE PROMISES NEW DETAILS TO END DEADLOCK

Geneva, July 6.

The eight-week-old Indo-China peace conference marked time again today at its 21st secret session in which France promised to table soon new detailed proposals aimed at breaking the deadlock on how an armistice should be supervised.

After one of its shortest meetings the nine-nation conference adjourned till Friday, one day before the army officers trying to draw up ceasefire plans for Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia are due to submit their reports to the conference.

Today's session with Mr V. V. Kouznetsov, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister presiding, showed that in the absence of the principal Foreign Ministers, delegates were not able to make any departure from the briefs left them by the chiefs.

France had earlier been expected to put a detailed plan today for a solution of the armistice control issue which has bedevilled the conference almost since it began on May 8.

But this afternoon M. Jean Chauvel, acting head of the French delegation, told the conference that his plan was not yet ready.

Authoritative sources said that the French proposals would be in the form of a working document taking into account all the Communist and non-Communist armistice supervision plans already before the conference.

SKELETON PROPOSALS

This document is expected to amplify the skeleton proposals of M. Chauvel put to the delegates about 10 days ago. These include the important suggestion that the functions of the proposed international supervisory commission should be separate from those of the mixed committees of belligerents which would control ceasefire lines. The Communists are insisting that the committees must not be subordinate to the commission. Hitherto the Western delegations generally have held that the commission must have overriding powers.

Mr Lo Ke-nung, the Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister, made the longest speech at today's session. He said his Government considered that the proposals on armistice control made earlier to the conference by the Soviet Union and the Vietminh merited "serious consideration." The skeleton proposals put by France also "deserved attention."

He thought it should be possible to work out a draft agreement by considering the Soviet proposals of May 14, the Vietminh proposals of June 29 and the latest French plan.

NO ARMED FORCES

He repeated the Communist case that the proposed international commission and the mixed committee should work side by side. The mixed committee must not be subordinate to the commission.

The commission must not have any armed forces to assist it in its work. Its members should take decisions unanimously. Majority voting should apply to general questions only but important questions must be decided unanimously.

The Chinese delegate maintained the Communist stand that the international commission should consist of India, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Pakistan and Indonesia with India as chairman or of India, Poland, Indonesia or one of the other Asian countries.

He rejected the Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian suggestions that armistice supervision should be under United Nations authority.

Armistice supervision should apply to all the three states of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. He supported an earlier Soviet proposal that heads of delegations should meet to discuss conflicting armistice

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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

AT 54 Noel Coward is reported to be "on-joying middle age." If he wants to know how he will enjoy it five or six years from now (if that will still be middle age) I can give him a few warnings that may cushion the shocks to come.

Coward is not only a little younger but probably much fitter than Gubbins. The last time I saw him he looked lean and healthy. There was no sign of the "fair round belly" admired by Shakespeare but detested by those who own one. As he was not wearing glasses his sight must have been good. Thanks to his slim figure he was light on his feet. But that was about four years ago when he was 50.

As it was, people relied on the Air Ministry forecasts, which turned out to be hopelessly inaccurate. Interviewed, one of their famous spokesmen said the Ministry were "surprised" that their fine, warm weather promises were misleading.

There would have been no traffic jams on the roads to the coast, millions of gallons of petrol would have remained in the pumps, millions of pounds saved and invested in Government securities, millions of gallons of British ice-cream would have gone down the drain (where it should be), the millions of horrible teas served at horrible road-side cafes would have gone into the dustbins, where they belong.

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One of the few people in the country not surprised was Old Moore Gubbins, who on that bleak January morning could see an early June almost as bleak and wrote that it would be cold with gales and snow on high ground and down the back of your neck. Perhaps the bit about the snow was an exaggeration, though nobody can deny it was cold and windy. And, anyway, there was snow on really high ground like the Himalayas.

In January O.M.G. also forecast that the fruit crops would be ruined by frosts in May. And what happened?

To quote from an agricultural correspondent, "This year's cherry, apple, and plum crops

BADER DRIVES AGAIN

...with mother's umbrella
to push down the clutch



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AT the end of January, Joyce said Bader could have a peg-leg on the left stump and try getting about with crutches.

Bader wanted to start off with a "real" artificial leg, but Joyce said that would be a waste because the stump would probably shrink later.

The real reason was that he had to operate on the stump again to cut more bone away, but he did not mention that.

A thin-faced little man in a white coat came into the room next day to take a plaster cast of the stump for the socket into which it would fit on the peg-leg (he called it a "pylon"), a short, smoothly turned piece of wood, painted black and with a rubber pad on the bottom. At the top was a leather socket made from

the plaster cast, and above this two metal arms stuck up on each side, hinged where the knee went and ending in a leather corset to be laced round the thigh.

It felt very odd when he put it on. The stump fitted neatly into the moulded leather, but it felt strange to the unaccustomed skin, and the thigh corset gripped firmly. Sitting on the edge of the bed with the little man, Dorothy Brace and a big Irish nurse watching, he bent his knee to waggle the pylon and get a little used to it. Brace passed him a pair of crutches and said: "Now don't forget, you won't have any strength in that leg at all for a while."

One on each side, they helped him up from the bed to ease his weight on the crutches. Tentatively he let his weight sink onto the pylon and the knee buckled like a piece of paper. It had no strength at all. They held him up while he shuffled each crutch forward in turn, and like that they lurched all over the room, giggling. It seemed a great joke.

After half an hour he was tired out. Later he tried again

and again but it was three days before he was able to hobble a couple of steps without help, with the left knee feeling it would collapse at any moment. Apart from that, the strangeness was going and it did not seem very difficult. He took to new crutches with rings round the elbows instead of pads under the armpits and they were more manageable.

A day or two later came a milestone in his career when he was able to stomp down the corridor and take a bath—the first since his accident. He had worked out in advance how he would get into it—sit on the edge, unlace the pylon and then lower himself into it with hands on each side.

Sinking into the hot water was ecstasy and he lay there a long time. Getting out was not very difficult either. When he heaved himself up with a hand on each side, he was surprised to find how easy it was and remembered that Joyce had told him he would be about 30lb lighter without his legs.

Out of the blue he said to her one day:

"They won't have me back in the Air Force, you know. And

PART TWO



By PAUL BRICKHILL

they won't give me a pension because they'll say it was my own fault."

But the Court of Inquiry's finding said absurdly round the question of blame, considering that whatever had happened Bader had suffered more than enough.

Soon he was up in a wheelchair again, and a week after that was soon stamping about the hospital garden on the pylon. One day he went outside the main gate, into the world again for the first time, and as he stood on the pavement a peculiar sensation of naked insecurity suddenly welled up.

He made himself stamp a hundred yards down to the other gate and thankfully went inside again to the safe, home pasture.

The day came when he had to cross the road to meet a friend, and as he stood on the kerb a car whizzed past and a wave of dread chilled his insides. It felt like stepping helplessly into a snakepit, but he made himself do it, walking till no cars were in sight and then hobbling across as fast as he could.

One important day Dorothy Brace and another nurse called a taxi and took him to a cinema.

As he struggled out in a tangle of peg-leg crutches and helping nurses, people stopped and stared; he did not see them until he straightened up and then the cod-like eyes seemed to hit him.

Leaves hospital

LIVING in bed he had been working out a way to drive his car again. The short right stump would probably not be sensitive or quick enough to guide a leg working both accelerator and brake. But his left leg would. All right—he'd have the outside pedals transposed; work the clutch on the right with his right leg and use the left for both footbrake and accelerator. The seat would slide back on runners so that he could climb in easily and then lock it in the driving position.

But gradually the drip-drip of grave but well-meant encouragement began to have a sinister effect. They kept telling him about one-legged people who had made successes, but he began to notice that no one seemed to

sorb a car to take him to their driving it until going through Windsor Great Park again. The nurses seemed more affected than the patient; most of them gathered on the steps, some in sentimental tears, and he kissed them all with his cheerful enthusiasm and was driven off to face whatever the future held.

Dorothy Brace noticed he was getting less open and cheerful, and sometimes for hours would lie back with his eyes open, silent and moody. It worried her because she guessed what was happening.

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Umbrella trick

HIS mother drove down from Yorkshire in the family car for a fortnight and took him for a drive meet afternoons. The first time they went out she was driving along a quiet stretch of road in Great Windsor Park when he said: "Stop a minute, Mother, will you?"

She stopped, and he said: "Now let's change places. I'd like to have a crack at driving."

Before she quite knew what was happening he was in the driver's seat and she was sitting in the passenger's saying: "But you can't. And what will happen if the police catch you?"

"We'll have a damn good argument," he said. "Now just put your foot on the clutch, will you?"

After more vain protest, she did so. He selected the gear, the car had a pre-selector gear on the steering wheel) and said: "Right. Now let it up." She lifted her foot slowly, he pressed his peg-leg on the accelerator and off they went.

As they went along he worked out a drill for changing gear. He'd say: "Mother!"

Her foot would go on the clutch again, he would select the new gear, say "Right," her foot would come up and that was all there was to it, apart from practice, concentration and co-ordination. After a couple of hours the teamwork was quite good and his mother became enthusiastic.

"What a pity you can only drive with a partner beside you," she said.

Stop for tea

POUNDERING this limiting factor, he thought out loud: "If only I had something to prod the clutch with."

"Well, dear, would my umbrella do?"

"Yes! That's a wonderful idea."

She passed across her short, black umbrella, a very practical implement. He took it in his hand, selected the next gear, held the wheel with the right while he fed for the clutch with the ferrule, pressed it down, let it up again and the car had changed gear smoothly.

Patients at Uxbridge were not supposed to have cars, but Poi, a young flying officer with a broken left leg in plaster, had an old Humber parked in a garage a few hundred yards away and he suggested to Bader and Streetfield that they should go for a sun-warm spin.

In the safe period after lunch when the doctors had vanished for coffee, the three cripples clumped down the road to the car. Poi's claim that he could still use his plastered leg on the clutch pedal turned out to be correct, and cheerfully they cruised about the district. As the car had a normal gear lever, Bader had no ambitions about

star

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SATURDAY

Bader gets his new legs and learns to walk.

Although Gubbins sincerely hopes Coward will escape these unsightly hallmarks of advancing years, he doubts if he will entirely escape the rheumatic pains which afflict those who pass from middle age to what is politely called advanced middle age.

On the way back to Uxbridge, Bader was both concentrating on driving and thinking about the girl.

Therefore Gubbins has drawn a diagram (see fig.) showing Coward where to expect the pains, what they feel like, and even what they sound like, though he regrets that he can't offer any remedies.

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It is a pity that nobody takes the slightest notice of the prophecies of Old Moore Gubbins, the Fleet Street astrologer.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Experts Show Keen Bridge Analysis

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played, North bid three diamonds in one of the minor suits. Lester Bachner, a prominent New York attorney, who has been my partner in several national championships, thereupon jumped to four spades with the South hand, expecting to have a fine play for game even if North happened to have only a singleton spade.

Bachner was a bit disconcerted to discover that North had no spades at all. As he won the first trick with the king of clubs, he realized that he would probably lose a trump, a heart and two diamonds—if the opponents were alert enough to take their tricks.

The best chance for the contract was to develop a sort of squeeze and this could be done only if the enemy came through with a bit of co-operation.

Declarer's first step was to lead a low heart towards dummy's king. West played the nine, and dummy won with the king. Bachner then returned a heart, West winning with the ten.

NORTH (D)	
♦ None	3
♥ K 8	
♦ Q 9 8 5 3 2	
♣ A 8 7 4 2	

WEST	
♦ Q 8 4	10 9 5
♦ A Q 10 9 4	7 6 2
♦ R 10 4	A 7
♦ 10 5	J 9 0 3

SOUTH	
♦ A K J 7 6 3 2	2
♦ 5 3	
♦ J 0	
♦ K Q	

North-South vul.

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	2 ♠
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♦ 10

West continued with the ace of hearts, and South ruffed.

Bachner's next step was to lead a low trump. East won with the five of spades and could have defeated the contract immediately by leading the ace of diamonds followed by a low diamond to his partner's king. Instead, not seeing his danger, East returned another heart to make declarer ruff again.

After ruffing this heart, declarer led out all of his trumps, beginning with the ace and the king. When he led his last trump, he had two diamonds and a club in his own hand, saving the queen of diamonds and two clubs in the dummy.

East had to save two clubs, since otherwise declarer would lead his queen and overtake with dummy's ace. If East saved the blank ace of diamonds, it was clear that South would cash the queen of clubs and then lead a diamond to make East lead a club to dummy's ace.

East tried to save himself by discarding the ace of diamonds, but Bachner could then lead a diamond to force out West's jack. West had discarded his last heart, so there was no longer any way to defeat the contract.

CARD Sense

Q.—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

South West North East
1 Dmd, 1 Spade 2 Clubs 2 Spades

You, South, hold: Spade A, Hearts K-Q-7-4, Diamonds A-K-Q-7-4, Clubs A-7-3-2. What do you do?

A.—Bid three hearts. Besides your 16 points in high cards you have excellent distribution, so you can well afford a free rebid. The game is unlikely to be in hearts, but there is no harm in suggesting the suit while more or less on your way to game in one of the minors.

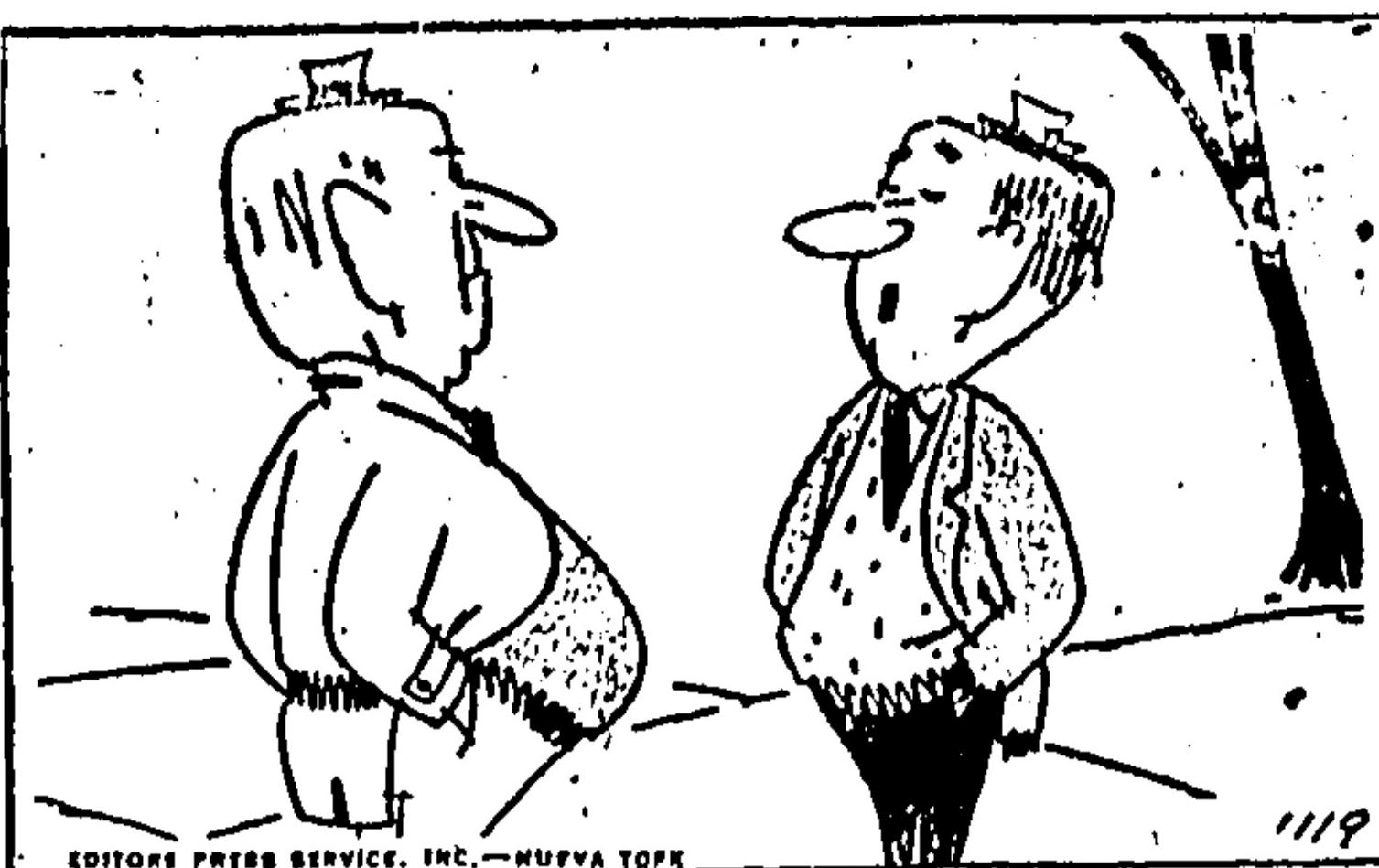
TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spade 2, Hearts K-Q-7, Diamonds A-K-Q-7-4, Clubs A-7-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUCK-BELLS

JUNIOR MUST HAVE JOINED THE SCHOOL BAND, HE WRITES THAT HE NEEDS FIFTY DOLLARS FOR A FRENCH TUTOR!



"I've got some definite word on that money I owe you. I can't pay it."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

In the drab life of every ageing committee which never meets, there comes a time when the members wonder whether they really exist officially.

There have been inquiries in Whitehall about a committee which, never having met, has just been elected for a sixth year of duty. Not unusually, the more impatient among the members are asking what the committee is for, and where it would meet if ever a meeting were summoned. They have been informed that there is no such committee, but it is admitted that nobody has told them to disband themselves, since what does not exist cannot be disbanded. Will it then remain a non-existent committee in perpetuity, re-electing itself each year? Or will some realist in Whitehall discover that the only way to get rid of it is to admit its existence and then abolish it?

Addenda to the hygiene code

1. EVERY wailer must wear thick surgeon's gloves, and must be sprinkled, at 20-minute intervals, with germicide powder.

2. KNIVES and forks must be wrapped in cellophane when not in use.

3. BOTTLES of wine must be scrubbed clean in the cellar, and the wine, before decanting, must be filtered through chemically treated gauze into a solution of Bonzol.

4. SLICES of bread or rolls must be served in locked

aluminium-containers. Key with waiter.

5. At 10-minute intervals the restaurant must be cleared while the walls and floors are sprayed with Zutimol, and the tables with Plint.

6. EVERY guest should be given a microscope, under which to examine each mouthful of food.

7. THERE should be fingerbowls containing a strong solution of Ribeline on every table.

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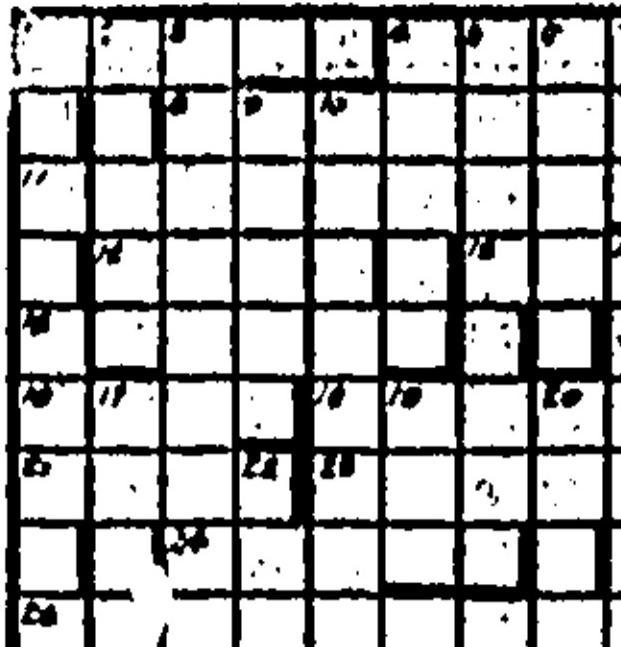
FULENOUGH's holiday technique on the Riviera is to hang about on shore until the parties begin to land from the yachts. He follows the most promising party, and, either by drenching them in spirit drink or treading on a lady's toe, gets invited to her yacht "when she gets here." The "fool of a skipper" has usually stranded him temporarily, so they invite him to their yacht. An hour or two of bridge puts him right for the next day, and off he goes to the next port of call, always dressed as a yachtsman, and always ready with his card, inscribed: "Major Mortimer H. St. George Chaulfont, Chaulfont Manor, Leicestershire."

30. Tail-piece

DOG'S NOSE GETS GODDESS

THE SACK.
(Headline in morning paper.)

CROSSWORD



Acrostics
1. Shepherd has a use for this
4. Hall reflected. (4)
6. Blander. (7)
11. Whaling place for boats? (9)
12. Gets up around. (4)
13. Just held a horse to a small
child. (3)
15. Head between me and the
child. (4)
16. Hare bird of the N.H. (6)
18. Fan goes backwards in the
Northern Railway. (6)
20. Widely reads the same both
ways. (4)
21. Moon to be climbed. (10)
23. Step Creed language. (9)

Downs
1. His work helps to fit 2 Down.
2. Fish keep you in hot water.
3. Naval officer make a famous book.
4. Oldest colour. (10)
5. Animal genus. (4)
6. Emotion hidden in a tangerine. (3)
7. Some Americans drink it. (3)
8. The playright fears it from a first night gallery. (1, 4)
9. The fish and blue make an old
woman. (4)
10. Purse, but changed just like
your pay packet. (10)
17. There's one of contention in an
old hat. (3)
19. First-cut acme in tennis. (3)
20. Oh, woman! In our hours
of need. (4)
22. If you dream of the card game
in life? (3)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

SCOTTISH

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HODGSON SHOWS HIS PAGE



In the match between Essex and Yorkshire, Yorkshire's schoolboy fast bowler, Sft. Sims. Philip Hodgson, bowled three short spells at a good fast pace, hitting mostly the leg stump. He finished with 3 for 43—a promising baptism in county cricket.

When Essex followed on, Hodgson again dismissed Dodds—at 22. The ball struck low on the bat and Hodgson held a return catch chest high. Here the cameraman concentrates on the action of schoolboy Philip Hodgson, Yorkshire's latest fast bowling hope, as he faces Paul Gibb.—Express Photo.

Some Great Running Likely At This Week-End's AAA Championships

By "RECODER"

Some great running is likely at this week-end's AAA Championships at the White City, London, and the fields in all the events from the Quarter Mile to Six Miles will be the fastest in years.

Last year there were 17 British Mile runners under 4 minutes 15 seconds and there were extraordinarily fast times returned in the heats of the Mile. This year—with the season at its half way stage—there are 24 and it is not unlikely that heats will have to be won in under 4 minutes 10 seconds.

There were three British runners under 14 minutes for the Three Miles and 12 under 14:10 for the whole of the 1953 season. There are already eight under 14 minutes and another seven under 14:10 this year.

Even in the 800 Yards there are already 14 men under 1:54 and at 400 Yards five men under 10 records this season—an extraordinary improvement on the last few seasons.

Only one of the four British sprinters going to the Empire Games at Vancouver is faster than Hongkong's Stephen Xavier, but even in the notoriously weak sprint events in Britain there has been a considerable improvement in standard this season.

Peter Fryer, G. E. Ellis and E. R. Sandstrom have all returned 9.9 seconds for 100 Yards, while Brian Shenton (12.8), Kenneth Box, Ken Jones, W. J. Ferguson, E. G. Ellis and Peter Fryer have done 22.1 seconds or better for 220 Yards.

There have been no further outstanding performances over

Foot Fault Rule Modified By ILTF

Paris, July 6. The International Lawn Tennis Federation today adopted a proposal on a foot fault rule.

Main feature of the new rule, which will be enforced for a period of two years, is that it allows a swinging foot over the baseline while servicing.

The proposal was adopted by 136 votes to 11.

The new rule will come into effect on January 1.

It allows the server to "do what he likes behind the service line," Congress decided.

The Congress decided that the All India Lawn Tennis Association should organise the Asian Championships for 1954/55 and 1955/56.

The Lawn Tennis Associations of the Saar and Gold Coast were admitted to the Federation as Associate members without the right to vote.

Venezuela's re-affiliation was accepted subject to subscriptions being paid.

Dr. R. Klemann of United States, Mr. N. H. D. Collett, Sir Clarence Sudd, of Britain, was made Hon. Treasurer and Mr. Stanley B. Reilly, of Britain, Hon. Secretary General.

Members of the Board elected were:

Dr. Griffith, of Britain; Dr. Switzerland; Dr. France; Dr. Germany; Dr. Italy; Dr. R. Klemann of United States; Dr. Canada; and Dr. Australia.

The new Committee consists of:

Six Miles, which will be one of the classics of the AAA Championships again this year. Revised best performance lists for the current season by British athletes between 400 Yards and Three Miles are appended:

QUARTER MILE

40.0 Derek Johnson
40.5 Peter Fryer
40.8 Alan Dick
40.7 M. V. Wheeler
40.9 R. I. Baker
40.4 Alan Sexton
40.4 C. E. Parkinson
40.4 Terrance Higgins
40.6 P. J. Phillips
40.7 M. Jones
40.7 F. P. Higgins
40.9 H. Connor
50.0 C. E. Goudge

HALF MILE

1:00.2 Derek Johnson
1:00.3 Roger Bannister
1:00.2 Bridie Hewson
1:00.2 Ron Day
1:00.3 Gordon Pirie
1:00.3 Albert Webster
1:00.3 H. T. Taylor
1:00.3 Angus Scott
1:00.3 Bill Aylett
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1:00.5 Brian Grogan
1:00.1 David Law

ONE MILE

3:00.4 Roger Bannister
3:00.4 Chris Chataway
3:00.5 Gordon Pirie
3:00.5 Brian Hewson
3:00.7 Victor Milligan
3:00.8 Peter Driver
3:00.8 Ian Boyd
3:00.8 Chris Brasher
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THREE MILES RUN

13:47.4 Gordon Pirie
13:51.0 Freddie Green

GRANDDAUGHTER OF HYPERION WINS RICH RACE

Wilmington, July 5. Singapore Girl, a four-year-old filly, took the world's richest race for fillies and mares—the \$125,000 New Castle Handicap—run over one mile two furlongs at Delaware.

Cambridge were left with two hours and 20 minutes to score 205 to win and Oxford just failed to distil them in time, the match ending in a draw.

Cambridge made a bad start,

losing the wicket of Silk, Slack,

and Bushby for 25, but a mere

fourth-wicket stand of 63 between Lammert (47) and Gooseness (26) gave them a chance.

Both teams had a good chance,

with the accurate off-spinners capturing five wickets each in the 10 overs and only one wicket taken by the bowlers, who saved Cambridge from defeat.

Both teams scored 64 in their first 10 overs, and Cambridge's performance

was excellent, finishing with

a total of 171 runs with

the loss of only two wickets.

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DEATHS

LEE - Mr. Shek was a Lee Lampard who passed away at his residence on Wednesday, 7th July, 1954. Funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. at the International Cemetery, Wan Chai. Coffin will leave the Parlour at 2 p.m. Thursday, 8th July, for interment at the Chinese Protestant Cemetery.

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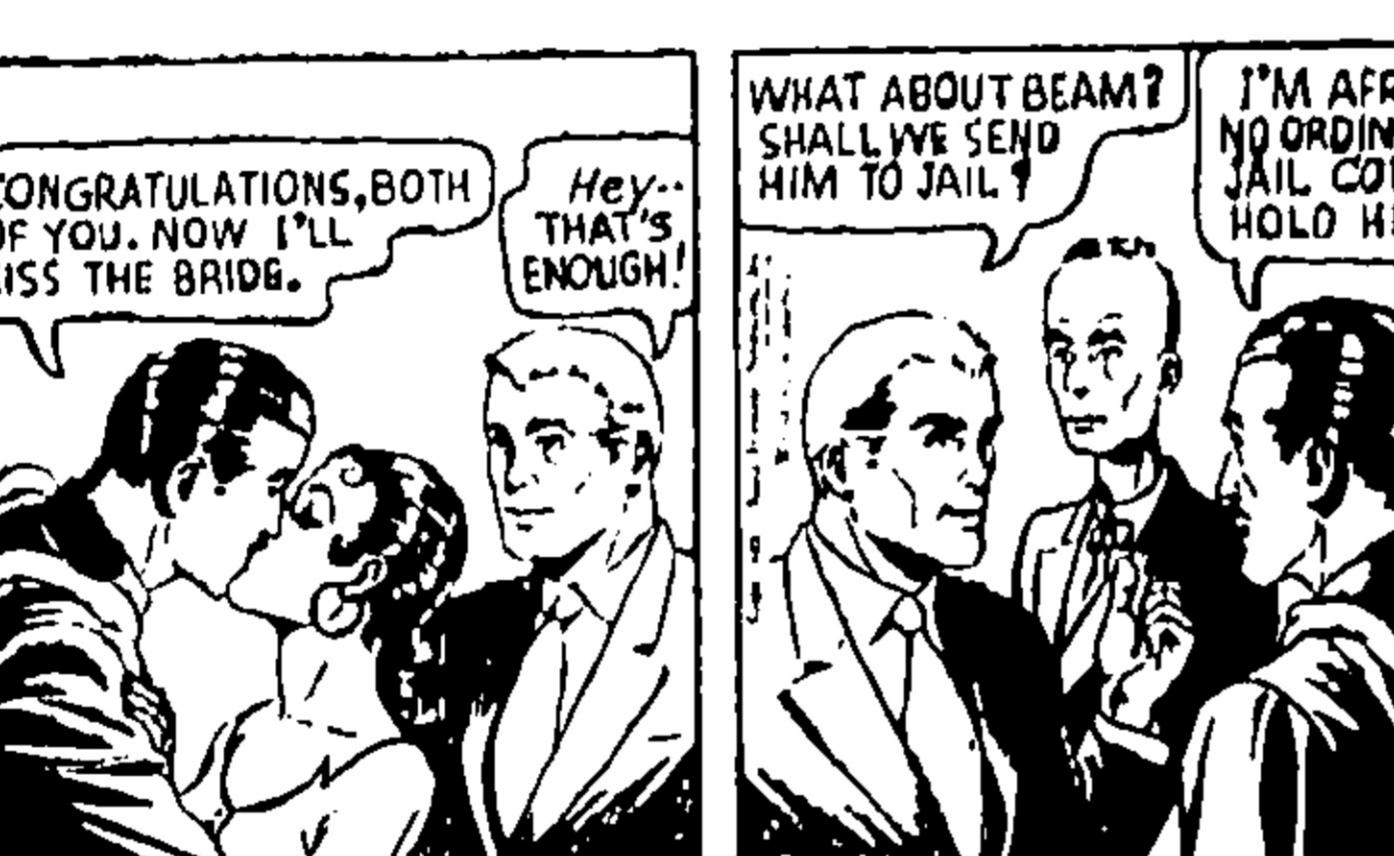
"CAMBODGE" sailing Aug. 7th

FAST FREIGHT SERVICE

"MONKAY" sailing July 18th

"MEKONG" sailing Aug. 4th

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



Italian Shipyard

Building Six Destroyers

Rome, July 6.

The Ansaldo shipyards at Leghorn hope that the six destroyers which they are now building for Venezuela are only the first of a series of orders.

Each of Venezuela's six destroyers will bring \$5,000,000 (about £1,700,000) into the Italian exchequer through Ansaldo's banking account.

Ansaldo, one of Italy's oldest shipbuilding companies, sees in this order, the first for warships for a foreign power since before World War II, the prospect of renewed prosperity and a gradual return to its pre-war position.

The company gained its reputation with the many fast, streamlined warships which it built for the Italian Navy, and orders poured in from Argentina, Turkey, Japan, Greece, etc.

By the end of 1953, Ansaldo's centenary year, the company had built 537,000 tons of fighting ships. This figure Ansaldo claims, represents 571 warships in 100 years, ranging from torpedo boats to mighty battleships.

They were built at the firm's yards at Genoa, Leghorn, and Spezia. Their engines came from the workshops at Genoa. Venezuela's destroyers will be 32-knot, 1,300-ton vessels, incorporating the latest details of wave, fire control, and developments of electronic

radar. They will begin to take the water at six week intervals from July 1954.

PROUD REPUTATION

Ansaldo men are equally proud of their reputation as builders of merchant ships and ocean liners. They recall the 51,000-ton Rex, which held the Atlantic Blue Riband for several years before the war.

The Augustus, Roma, and Andrea Doria, are equally famous names on ocean shipping routes.

Ansaldo's latest passenger ship, the Cristoforo Colombo, sister to the Andrea Doria, carried out her first engine trials at the end of May and is expected to make her maiden voyage later this year, after

so long a period of absence.

Today, Italy is not allowed to develop her own navy beyond a certain size under the terms of the Peace Treaty, unless in the interests of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Ansaldo is now competing for foreign orders again and these orders have not been slow in coming to the firm.

China Mail Special.

By Leo Falk and Phil Davis

Sharp Decline

In Cultured Pearl Market

Tokyo, July 6.

A sharp decline in the cultured pearl market in Japan is worrying pearl exporters.

For 99% of the national production of these pearls is for export.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry attributed the fall in demand to the Government's stringent money policy and an increase in production of cultured pearls.

A spokesman of the Pearl Exporters' Association said that an increase in pearls of poor quality, produced by small culturists, was a secondary reason.

Production of cultured pearls was started by 30-year-old Kokichi Mikimoto in 1903 in the Bay of Ago, Mie Prefecture, in central Japan. It was suspended during the Pacific war.

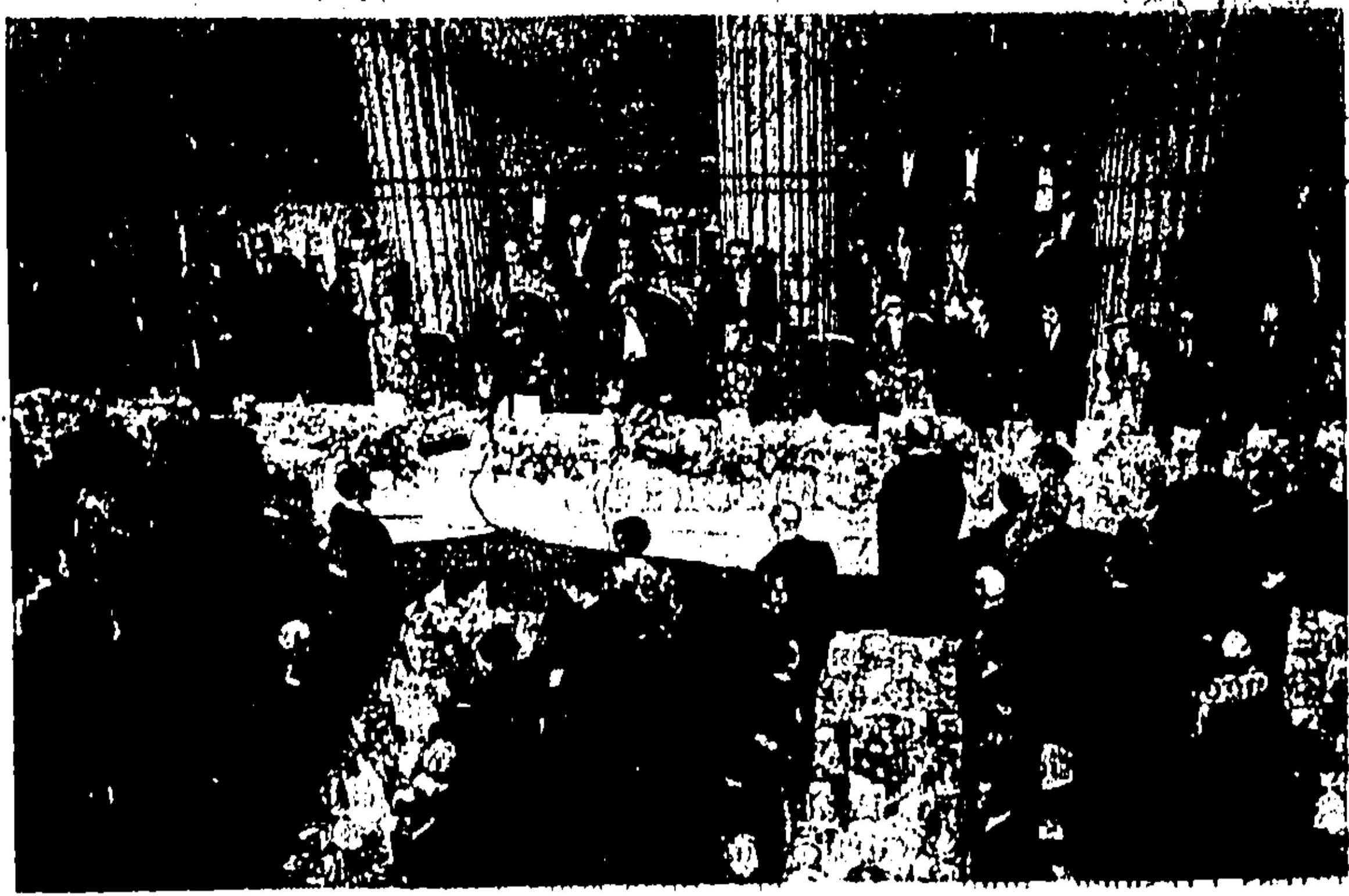
The cultured pearl market which has remained almost steady during the past five years, began to fall as the Government's deflationary policy permeated the national economy.

Average pearls were quoted at 600 yen (about £1.125) in 1953 to 1,100 yen (about £1.75) to 1,300 yen (about £2.14.0) last November.

Prices of large-sized pearls per momme dropped by almost 50 per cent. This fall was described by a spokesman of the Mikimoto Pearl Company as "sharp to be reasonable." Until last year, the Pearl Culture Association in Mie Prefecture, received a loan of 180,000 yen (about £130,000) from Norin Chuo Kinko, a Government investment institute, paid to pearl culturists and accepted 90-day bills from buyers — that is, preceasing manufacturers and traders.

When the tight money policy spread, sellers made sales at spread prices to get cash. The spokesman

State Visit To The City



The King and Queen of Sweden attend a reception and address of welcome at Guildhall, London, during their state visit. Afterwards the Royal visitors were entertained at luncheon by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London at the Mansion House. This picture shows the King and Queen at table with the Mayor and Mayoress and the Duchess of Gloucester.—Express Photo.

INTERNATIONAL WOOL TEXTILE ORGANISATION MEETING

RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH SUBSIDIES AND 'EXPORT INCENTIVES'

Brussels, July 6.

The plenary session of the International Wool Textile Organisation adopted a resolution calling for the abolition of subsidies and other "export incentives" at its last meeting here on June 18.

The resolution, presented by Mr D. G. Price, British Secretary-General of the International Wool Federation, said:

"It is recorded with regret that in certain countries cases exist where subsidies are given in excess of the special charges borne by the industries in question, thus damaging conditions necessary for fair trade." The resolution insisted that measures be taken to end this state of affairs and suggested that appointment of a small committee consisting of the honorary tourer-president and the president, assisted by the secretary to take the necessary steps to bring this about.

Prior to the adoption of the resolution, a warning of reprisals by member nations of the International Wool Textile Organisation against alleged Uruguayan dumping had been given by the President, M. Andre Peltier.

In an appeal to Uruguay to abandon her preferential exchange rates and export subsidies for wool tops, he said governments of other member nations would be forced to protect their industries if the present situation continued. A resolution was being prepared inviting national delegations to approach their governments on the question.

Advertising

Member countries attending the Conference are Britain, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Austria, Argentina, Japan, Portugal, West Germany, Switzerland, Spain and Uruguay.

South Africa has been admitted to full membership of the IWT and it has been officially decided that next year's annual conference will be held in June in Munich.

Drowned His Troubles In Drink

Singapore, July 6. A Northern Indian has learned that the hard way that drinks do not drown but create more trouble.

Bhag Singh was fined \$5 last Saturday after he was found guilty on a charge of being drunk. He had no money and the court allowed him a few days to raise it.

Over the week-end Singh was arrested again and brought before another court today charged with "being found drunk and incapable of taking care of himself."

Singh told the Magistrate that while on his way to look for the money to pay for the fine he met some friends who treated him to a round of drinks "to drown my troubles". It then ensued into a drinking bout and he did not know what happened after that.

The Magistrate, Mr D. H. Chapman, told the defendant, "Instead of paying the fine I suppose you spent the money you got on some more drinks."

He fined Singh \$10.—United Press.

Comparison

Research had provided wool fabrics with proof against moth, rot and shrinking and, already, shortened processing methods had promise of more efficient ways of converting raw wool into finished fabric. Biological study was producing better wool and more of it to every sheep.

Representations

Despite representations to them, the Uruguayan government had given no satisfaction apart from a minor reduction in the preferential rate in January. As a result, certain representations had already been made, for example, in a report on world-wide inquiries into the compensation of port of tops had felt obliged to institute a system demanding

LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, July 6. The stock market opened firm with Egyptian shares closed as follows:

Egyptian Delta, 14.50
Dahab, 14.50
New Egypt Co., United Press

TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

American Firm To Raise Loan In Europe

75M. SWISS FRANCS WANTED BY TELEPHONE CO.

London, July 6. For the first time in very many years a big United States concern is to raise a loan in Europe. Later this week, the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation of New York will issue a loan of seventy-five million Swiss francs in the Swiss market in the name of its subsidiary, the International Standard Electric Corporation.

To add to the international flavour of this unusual transaction, London has played a part in the proceedings. The loan was negotiated by S.G. Warburg and Co. of London in association with Kuhn Loeb and Co. of New York.

When these two banking houses made their working arrangement a couple of years ago, the expectation was that the London end would find projects in Europe and Canada to attract New York money. Instead, the first big deal turns out to be a New York concern attracting European money.

Old hands in London today could not recall a comparable

loan since the days long before the First World War, when Britain and Europe were finding the money to build United States railroads.

SURPLUS CAPITAL

Having a surplus of capital and a lack of outlets for it at home, the Swiss market has been providing a good deal of money to other countries. In the past few years it has raised loans for the South African Government, the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa, the World Bank, the Belgian Congo and several European countries.

Swiss and other European investors have frequently taken a share in loans floated by United States corporations in New York, but this week's International Telephone and Telegraph loan will be the first to be floated in any European market.

It will be wholly in Swiss francs, 25 million at 3½ per cent for about five years and 50 million at 4 per cent for about fifteen years. It will be issued by a consortium of Swiss headed by Credit Suisse and Swiss Bank Corporation.—China Mail Special.

Liverpool Cotton Market

Liverpool, July 6. The market opened higher on overseas acceptances and advanced further during the afternoon when there was some trade buying. The market closed steady. Future closings:

No. 1 rubber per lb. 724-725
No. 2 rubber per lb. 714-715
No. 3 rubber unbled 704-705
Spot rubber unbled 717-718
Blanket crepe 69-70
No. 1 pale crepe 70-71

United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, July 6.

Rubber futures today closed 40 points higher to 5 points lower with sales of 182 contracts.

Dealer said most of the business on the terminal market was of speculative origin, encouraged by the higher cables, but factory interest was negligible as well as in the actual spot market.

Spot No. 1 RRs were quoted 23½ cents nominal. Prices:

Sept. 21/10 pence 29.07
Dec. 23.31
Mar. 25.00
July 25.03

United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, July 6.

The rubber market was very steady with No. 1 RRs quoted at 21/10 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 spot RRs 21/4-21/5

Settlement house term: 21/4-21/5

Oct./Dec. 21/4-21/5

Jan./Mar. 21/4-21/5

General markets, cfr, basis, ports: 21/4-21/5

July 21/4-21/5

Aug. 21/4-21/5

Sept. 21/4-21/5

Oct./Nov. 21/4-21/5

Dec./Jan. 21/4-21/5

Mar./June 21/4-21/5

July 21/4-21/5

Aug. 21/4-21/5

Sept. 21/4-21/5

Oct. 21/4-21/5

Nov. 21/4-21/5

Dec. 21/4-21/5

United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, July 6. London, July 6.

Prices per bushel in cents:

Wheat, No. 2, red 185n

Spot 200n (1) 190n (1) 185n

July 33.70-73

Oct. 33.94

Dec. 34.16

Mar. 34.31

May 34.54

July 34.74

Aug. 34.94

Sept. 35.14

Oct. 35.34

Nov. 35.54

Dec. 35.74

United Press.

Exchange Rates

London, July 6.

Business was done in the local foreign exchange market this morning as follows:

Canadian dollar (per £1) 1.2500

U.S. dollar (per £1) 1.2500

German mark (per £1) 1.2500

French franc (per £1) 1.2500

Swiss franc (per £1) 1.2500

United Press.

JAPAN MAY GET SECOND LOAN

Tokyo, July 6.

A Japanese Finance Ministry official has stated on his return from Washington that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development appears to be giving favourable consideration to Japan's request for a second loan from the Bank.

The official, who handed a letter from the Japanese Finance Minister to the President of the Bank, Mr Eugene Black, concerning the request,

He added that the Bank would send survey teams to study various development programmes in Japan, beginning with an agricultural survey team.—China Mail Special.

He foreign exchange resources have therefore become considerable, and probably, she could safely restore convertibility.

We, however, have to look in at least three different directions. First, we must look to the sterling area, with all its manifold problems.

Next, we must look to Western Europe. Here, we have to remember that the restoration of convertibility throughout part of Western Europe would mean the break-up of the European Payments Union.

Unless some alternative means were quickly found of helping the debtor countries of Western Europe, the result would be a severe set-back to the liberalisation of international trade, and even a return to bilateralism and rigid quotas.

REST OF WORLD

Thirdly, we must look to the rest of the world, and in particular to the dollar countries. For one thing, America through the International Monetary Fund, might well have to provide the necessary buttress to the weaker countries of Western Europe.

Again, we would need some assurance that every country which acquired sterling would not hasten to turn it into dollars.

To a large extent, that assurance exists today, thanks to our own recovery, but we might want a bit more than that.

These overriding factors point to a possible time-table. This month's Conference of European Finance Ministers will consider solely the problems which have

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$522,100.

Noon quotations and the morning's dealings:

SHAKES BUXEY SELLERS BANKS

HK Bank ... 1080 1700 10 10 1000

East Asia ... 176

INSURANCES ... 650 650

Lombard Underwriters 65 65 50 50 50

SHIPPING ...

Watertown 10.60

Amer. Natl. ... 1 2000 2000 2000 2000

DOCKS ETC.

K. Wharf 6212

Dock 10.40

Providence (G) 18.50 12.50 12.50

LAND, ETC.

HK Hotel 8.45 8.93 2300 8.45 8.45

HK Land 60 60 804 200 200 100

Humphreys 10.10 18.15

Realty 2.02 2.10

UTILITIES

Tram 27.90 20 2000 27.90

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JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

A Change Of Air

IT was midnight. Round Piccadilly Circus there was the usual gaiety. Touts for the near-beer clubs hootingly croaked their invitations; painted ladies clippety-clopped on high heels from doorway to doorway, exchanging courtesies of a sort as they passed each other; policemen amiably trundled truculent drunks to the black vans strategically placed in side streets.

Gayer than anyone and more of a nuisance, therefore, on this particular midnight, were two sisters named Prudence and Pat, aged 20 and 21 respectively, who swooned round the Circus as though Eros had scored direct hits on them—and used poison-tipped arrowheads.

Not a man came within range of the sisters but one or other flung himself upon him and her arms around his neck, murmuring her devotion.

ARE YOU MARRIED?

NONE of the men they approached seemed to care for the treatment, and in due course the girls were arrested.

At Bow Street, Prudence, a blonde, and Pat, a brunette, pleaded guilty to having used insulting behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

The magistrate, Mr Bertram Reece, consulted the details he had about the pair, then said to Prudence: "Are you married?"

"Yes," said Prudence, "and he's in Sheffield."

"What are you doing down here?" the magistrate asked.

"Come for a rest and a change," Prudence answered, and enlarged upon it. "My nerves 've not been good. I've not been well at all."

THE BABY, TOO

"HANGING about Piccadilly Circus at midnight—was that part of the process of 'having a change'?" the magistrate inquired.

"Well . . ."

"This won't do, you know," said Mr Reece, and he instructed the sisters to go away and talk to Miss Hamilton, the probation officer.

Later in the morning they came back, and Miss Hamilton went into the witness-box.

"These two came down from Sheffield seven weeks ago," she said. "They came with a 13-year-old sister and the nine-week-old baby of the eldest girl."

IN TWO ROOMS

"BUT a nine-week-old baby around in London?" asked Mr Reece. "Where was it at midnight last night?"

The 15-year-old was looking after it in the two rooms they've all been living in," Miss Hamilton said. "The whole position is very unsatisfactory."

"I asked these two how they had been living, and they told me the husband of the elder one sends them £3 a week."

"You had better make some inquiries in Sheffield," said the magistrate. "I shall remand them in custody."

"For a fortnight, if you please, sir," said Miss Hamilton. "I will get into touch with the women police about the baby."

WANTED — A ROCKER

"ANYTHING more you want to say now?" the magistrate asked the sisters. They shook their heads. "Very well, remanded until this day fortnight."

They drifted out, showing a faint pastime. In the next 12 months 10 companies will be at work in Queensland alone, according to the Minister for Mines of that State, Mr Jones. He said the companies would search from the Gulf of Carpenter to the NSW border.

Associated Oilfields Ltd have found petroleum gas at Roma, in Queensland, tapping a supply equal to 1,600,000 cubic feet a day, with a pressure of 900 lbs a square inch.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

The Annual Headache Begins: Income Tax Returns

From H. King Wood

Sydney, July 2. This week has seen the end of our financial year, with banks crowded with customers trying to square their accounts, and with most people paying all outstanding doctors and dentists bills so that they can claim a rebate from taxation—and it is the time too, that income tax returns, due at the end of this month, become a real headache.

This is about the only bright spot in our mid-winter doldrums. True, the Premiers are meeting in Canberra for their yearly argument over loan grants, but this has followed such a set pattern in the years since the war that it is hardly news any more.

The plot at the Canberra Premiers' Conference is that all States demand more money from the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth smiles, shakes its head and says it cannot be done.

New South Wales and Queensland then make nasty remarks about the Commonwealth attitude and the Commonwealth then tells the States to take back their own taxing powers (which were handed over to the Federal Government during the war).

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These Japanese spare no efforts to move as much pearl shell from the sea to their boats in the shortest possible time.

The fleet now in the Arafura Sea gathered nearly 200 tons of shell in the first fortnight of the season—a haul worth about £100,000.

Australian porters in this period took only 22 tons of shell.

When the Japanese luggers are filled with shell it is transferred to a mother ship with the fleet and when she, in turn, is loaded to capacity, she will return to Japan, leaving the luggers to fill their holds for the second time.

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They can be quite entertaining for a few years, but after that they rather lose their novelty.

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PETROV HEARINGS

In Melbourne on Wednesday the curtain rose once again on the Petrov Spy Royal Commission. Already it has sat in Canberra and Sydney, and will return to Sydney again when the Melbourne session is concluded.

If there are to be any fire-works it is expected that they begin with this session.

Reasonable people realise that a tremendous amount of work has been involved in preparing this case, but the time lag that has occurred since the Prime Minister's startling announcement and the beginning of the hearing has rather deadened interest.

At the preliminary sitting in Canberra there was a gallery of some 60 reporters. Many of them have since gone home leaving the local men to cover the story.

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Mr Pritt, who conducted the defence of the Africans in their four-month trial, was involved in an interchange with Lord Goddard soon after he began the presentation of his case.

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